

Municipal Council Minutes
Tuesday, September 21, 2010
7:00PM Town Hall Auditorium

Call To Order – 7:00PM

Pledge of Allegiance – Councilor Neale

Roll Call – Allen Neale, Mary Chatigny, Stephen Dunford, Anne Ferguson, Robert Gilday, James Kelcourse, Derek Kimball, Robert Lavoie

Joseph McMilleon absent

Act on Minutes – July 13, 2010

Councilor Chatigny motioned to accept, Councilor Neale second – Voted Unanimous

Mayoral Appointments – None at this time.

Licenses & Permits

2010-078 Second Hand License – The Kid's Garage, 51 Macy Street

Peggy Gagnon represented The Kid's Garage.

Councilor Ferguson motion to accept per the usual stipulations, Councilor Neale second
Voted – Unanimous

2010-079 General Business License – Tune & Lube d/b/a Pro Lube, 80 Elm Street

Najib Daaboul represented Pro Lube.

Councilor Neale motioned to accept per the usual stipulations, Councilor Gilday second
Voted – Unanimous

2010-080 Common Victualler License – Wild Bites, 36 Main Street

Antonio Ortu represented Wild Bites.

Councilor Ferguson motioned to accept per the usual stipulations, Councilor Kelcourse second
Voted – Unanimous

2010-081 General Business License – Whole Music Enterprises, 21 Water Street

Mimi Sparrow represented Whole Music Enterprises.

Councilor Chatigny motioned to accept as per the usual stipulations, Councilor Neale second
Voted – Unanimous

2010-082 General Business License – Kookie d/b/a Custard Shoppe, 50 Market Street

Joanne Bagshaw represented the Custard Shoppe

Councilor Ferguson motioned to accept per the usual stipulations, Councilor Kimball second.
Voted – Unanimous

2010-083 General Business License – Marie Burke Unlimited, 14 Cedar St., Unit #116

Maria Burke represented Marie Burke Unlimited.

Councilor Ferguson motioned to accept per the usual stipulations, Councilor Chatigny second.
Voted – Unanimous

Public Comment

Councilor Dunford asked for a suspension of the rules to respond to Mr. Thivierge before he leaves the meeting, Councilor Ferguson second. Voted – Unanimous

Mr. James Thivierge, 106 Friend Street - Mr. Thivierge asked how the year ended fiscally. He does not like the change in format for the annual report. He feels it is a historical document and a lot of history is lost by cutting and consolidating it.

Claude Gonthier, 112 Kimball Road – Mr. Gonthier wanted to know if the question of charter reform will be on the November ballot. President Lavoie stated that it would not be on the ballot in November however; he hopes it will be on the local election ballot in November 2011.

President Lavoie and Councilor's Chatigny, Neale, Gilday and Kimball all expressed how pleased they were with the annual reports new format. They all feel more people will read the report.

First Readings

2010-085 To Accept a \$6,500 grant from The Provident Community Foundation to Amesbury Youth Recreation Program – Mayor Kezer sponsor

Summary: The Provident Community Foundation has donated \$6,500 for the scholarship programs for Amesbury Youth Summer Program.

Councilor Ferguson motioned to send 2010-085 to the Finance Committee for a recommendation, Councilor Chatigny second. Voted - Unanimous

2010-086 Appropriate \$200,000 for the Water St. Parking Garage – Mayor Kezer sponsor

Summary: This order will provide the funding for the engineering and permitting of the repairs and expansion of the Water Street parking garage.

Councilor Kimball motioned to send 2010-086 to the Finance Committee and schedule public hearing for the October 12th Council meeting, Councilor Kelcourse second. Voted - Unanimous

2010-087 Appropriate \$2,400,000 for Capital Expenditures to Public Safety Buildings – Mayor Kezer sponsor

Summary: This order will provide the additional funding required for the completion of repairs to the public safety buildings.

Councilor Kelcourse motioned to send 2010-087 to the Finance Committee and schedule a public hearing at the October 12th council meeting, Councilor Kimball second. Voted - Unanimous

2010-088 Appropriate \$400,000 for a Snow Dump and DPW Facility – Mayor Kezer sponsor

Summary: This order will provide the funding for the engineering, permitting and site improvements for a snow dump and the study and preliminary engineering of a Department of Public Works facility.

Councilor Ferguson motioned to send 2010-088 to the Finance Committee and schedule a public hearing at the October 12th Council meeting, Councilor Chatigny second. Voted - Unanimous

2010-089 25 year Mutual Aid Agreement for assistance with public health needs – Mayor Kezer sponsor

Summary: The Mutual Aid agreement provides for aid and assistance between communities for public health needs when existing resources are not sufficient to cope with a situation or emergency that concerns public health.

Councilor Dunford motioned to send 2010-089 to the Finance and Ordinance Committees for a recommendation and schedule a public hearing at the October 12th council meeting, Councilor Ferguson second. Voted –Unanimous

Correspondence

a. President/Vice President Communications
Communication from Elected Officials, Boards and Commissions

2010-084 August Grants Report – Mayor Kezer

Councilor Ferguson motioned to accept 2010-084, Councilor Kelcourse second. Voted - Unanimous

c. Council Communications, Announcements and Committee Reports

Councilor Neale motioned to adjourn, Councilor Dunford second. Voted - Unanimous

Adjourn 7:45PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Assistant Town Clerk